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Statement From House Republican Leader Mike McLane On Opening Of 79th Legislative Assembly

Salem, Ore. - House Republican Leader Mike McLane (R-Powell Butte) issued the following statement following the swearing in of the 79th Legislative Assembly this morning at the Oregon State Capitol:

“Every two years this body meets to mark the beginning of a new legislative assembly,” said House Republican Leader Mike McLane. “As we gather here once again today, we do so at a critical moment in our state’s history. Shortsighted fiscal planning has left our state in a poor financial position, our roads are in desperate need of repair, our education system continues to underperform, and too many Oregonians are still struggling to make ends meet in the wake of our state’s uneven economic recovery.

“Oregon is in desperate need of bold, bipartisan leadership. Despite the regrettably divisive start to this session, I remain hopeful that Speaker Kotek and the majority party will commit to building consensus and to embracing honest efforts to find common ground. House Republicans stand ready to work in a bipartisan manner with our colleagues and to offer solutions to the myriad of challenges facing our state. After years of failures, Oregonians are counting on us to get this session right.”

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